

**NONPROVISIONAL PATENT  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): POROUS HYDROPHILIC MEMBRANES

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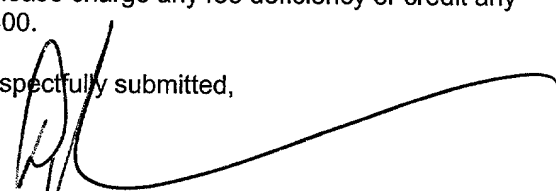
- ☒ 58 pages of Specification/Claims 1-24/Abstract are attached.
- ☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1A-3B; 3 sheets) are attached.
- ☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to Ausimont S.p.A. is attached, along with Form PTO-1595 and a check for \$40.00.
- ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
- ☒ Priority of foreign application No. MI2001 A 000384 filed February 26, 2001 in Italy is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- ☒ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is attached.

The filing fee is calculated below and includes claim status after entry of any Preliminary Amendment noted above:

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BASIC FEE				\$ 370	OR		\$ 740
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INDEP CLAIMS	1 - 3	= 0	x 42 =		OR	x 84	
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